With Edged Tools

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is richer than Sir John."

outside source."

Lady Cantourne was rather thought-

ful at that moment. She could not

help coming back and back to Sir John.

"Of course," she said to Jack, "we must let your father know at once.

"I will write and tell him," said Jack

Even funerals and lovers must bow

He saw Lady Cantourne glance at the

not do it without being seen by him.

clock. Clever as she was, she could

So he took his leave, and Millicent

CHAPTER XXI.

standing on the hearth rug by the

butler, and, hard old aristocrat that he

was a very old man.

Imperturbable, impenetrable.

firm, ornamental handwriting.

pected home.'

At dinner it was evident that his

keen brain was hard at work. He for-

got one or two of the formalities which

were religiously observed at that soli-

he wrote a telegram, slowly, in his

It was addressed to Gordon, Loango,

and the gist of it was-"Wire where-

abouts of Oscard-when he may be ex-

At half past 8 Jack arrived. Sir John

carefully dressed as for a great recep-

He rose when his son entered the

room and they shook hands. There

was a certain air of concentration

say more than they had ever said be-

fore. The coffee was duly brought.

This was a revival of an old custom.

In bygone days Jack had frequently

before going together in Sir John's

carriage to one of the great social func-

tions at which their presence was al-

most a necessity. Jack had always

poured out the coffee-tonight he did

"I came," he said suddenly, "to give

will not be very welcome. Millicent

"You know," said Sir John gravely,

that I am not much given to altering

my opinions. I do not say that they

are of any value; but, such as they are,

me the honor of mentioning this mat-

"And it has in no way altered?"

"In no way. I have found no reason

"Will you, at all events, give me

your reasons?" he asked. "I am not

"I think," he said, "that it would be

"I should like to know why you ob

ject to my marrying Millicent," persist-

"Simply because I know a bad wom-

"I am sorry you have said that," said

"Just," continued the father, "as I

He paused, and they were both think-

Sir John had his say about Millicent

Chyne, and his son knew that that was

the last word. She was a bad woman.

From that point he would never move.

There was a long silence, while the two men sat side by side gazing into

"I am getting too old to indulge in

the luxury of pride." said the father at

length. "I will attend your marriage.

I will smile and say pretty things to the bridesmaids. Before the world I

will consent under the condition that

the teremony does not take place be-

Sir John rose and stood on the hearth

"But," he continued, "between us

rug, looking down from his great height

let it be understood that I move in no

degree from my original position. I

object to Millicent Chyne as your wife.

But I bow to the force of circum-

stances. I admit that you have a per-

"In two months' time," repeated Sir

So Jack took his leave.

fore two months from this date."

"I agree to that." put in Jack.

ing of the same woman, Jocelyn Gor-

an when I see her," retorted Sir John

advisable not to ask them."

ter to me last year. I gave you my

and I have decided to make our en-

gagement known."

opinion."

a child."

deliberately

know a good one."

F late Sir John had felt a sin-

gular desire to sit down when-

ever opportunity should offer,

but he had always been found

"So," she had said before she laid the letter aside, "he is home again-and he means to carry it through?"

While she still sat there the bell rang. When Jack Meredith came into the room she rose to greet him with a smile of welcome

"Before I shake hands," she said, "tell me if you have been to see your

"I went last night-almost straight from the station. The first person I spoke to in London, except a cabman." So she shook hands.

"You know," she said, without look ing at him-indeed, carefully avoiding doing so-"life is too short to quarrel with one's father. At least it may prove too short to make it up againthat is the danger."

"The quarrel was not mine," he said. "I admit that I ought to have known him better. I ought to have spoken to him before asking Millicent. It was a mistake."

Lady Cantourne looked up suddenly. "What was a mistake?"

"Not asking his-opinion first." She turned to the table where his letter lay and fingered the paper pen-

"I thought, perhaps, that you had found that the other was a mistakethe engagement." 'No," he answered.

"Millicent will be in presently," she said; "she is out riding.

They talked of his life in Africa, of his success with the simiacine, of which discovery the newspapers were not yet weary, until the bell was heard in the basement, and thereafter Millicent's voice in the hall.

Lady Cantourne rose deliberately and went downstairs to tell her niece that tary table. He hastened over his wine, he was in the drawing room, leaving and then he went to the library. There alm there waiting alone.

Presently the door opened and Millicent burried in. She threw her gloves and whip -anywhere-on the floor and ran to him.

"Oh, Jack!" she cried. It was very prettily done. In its way

"And, Jack, do you know," she went on, "all the newspapers have been full of you. You are quite a celebrity. And are you really as rich as they

"I think I can safely say that I am not," be answered.

Lady Cantourne left them there for nearly an hour, in which space of time she probably reflected they could build up as rosy a future as was good for



"Oh, Jack!" she cried.

them to contemplate. Then she returned to the drawing room, followed by a full sized footman bearing tea.

She was too discreet a woman, too teeply versed in the sudden changes of the human mind and heart, to say anything until one of them should give her a distinct lead. They were not shy and awkward children. Perhaps she reflected that the generation to which they belonged is not one heavily handicapped by too subtle a delicacy of

Jack Meredith gave her the lead be-

"Millicent," he said without a vestige of embarrassment, "has consented to be openly engaged now."

Lady Cantourne nodded comprehensively.

"I think she is very wise," she said. "I know she is very wise," she added, turning and laying her hand on Jack's arm. The two phrases had quite a different meaning. "She will have a good upon his son. husband."

"So you can tell everybody now," chimed in Millicent in her silvery way. Lady Cantourne was not very communicative during that refined little tea a trois, but she listened smilingly to Jack's optimistic views and Mil- fect right to marry whom you chooselicent's somewhat valueless comments. in two months' time."

"I am certain," said Millicent, at length boldly attacking the question that was in all their minds, "that Sir John, when he was alone, with one o John will be all right now. Of course, his twisted, cynical smiles-"in two it is only natural that he should not months' time-qui vivra verra." like Jack to to get engaged yet. Especially before, when it would have made a difference to him in money, I mean. But now that Jack is inde-(To be Outmued.)

FISH TO CONTEST FOR PRESIDENCY

Election of Harahan Not Made According To Charter.

Be Residents of Illinois.

pendent-you know, auntle, that Jack

The news must not reach him from an vesant Fish will contest the election weaknesses. of J. T. Harahan as president of the Illinois Central railroad. This decision was reached today after a long to mealtimes, and Jack Meredith was D. Cady Herrick. Under the present went to the head of the stairs with ence with Attorney General Stead in disease. Chicago with a view to having the the state of Illinois.

to be back of it, it is stated upon un- es the deaths of winter. drooped, his lips were unsteady; he however, may be said to be a "curb- Write to stone" opinion, as Governor Deneen A few minutes later, when he strode has not made a personal examination Into the dining room, where butler and of the authorities bearing upon the footman awaited him, he was erect, issue.

Mr. Herrick today, while not admitting squarely that Mr. Fish had, decided to contest the election, declared. "We presume that the attorney general of the state of Ilinois in pil will take notice of the matter which has been brought to his attention both directly and by the proceedings of the directors' meeting held here Wednesday. We presume that he will see to it that the law of the state was awaiting him in the library, grimly of Illinois is carried out with respect sitting in his high backed chair, as to the Illinois Central board. It is his duty and his alone to bring action and it is a fair presumption that

"What was your advice to Mr.

about both, as if they each intended to Fish?" was asked, "Naturally I cannot speak of that matter, but I can say that I believe that under the provision of the concome in thus and they had taken coffee stitution of the state of Illinois for 1870 It is necessary for a majority of the Illinois Central board to be residents of the state."

Commission to Work,

Washington, D. C., Nov. 10 .- A terposition. general investigation of what merce commission.

It was also announced today that I usually hold to them. When you did the transfer of control of the Illinois Central railroad to the Union Pacific

considered to justify inquiry. Illinois has a very large interest in which gave the road immense concestracting to pay the state 7 per cent in Illinois.

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was, he would not yield to the somewhat angular blandishments of the what angular blandishments of the what angular blandishments of the would make an investigation act one on the other. A that angular blandishments of the lieves, who is sent in the con-tiff backed chair.

He stood for a few moments with tention that a majority of the board common sense of "Good Health."

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Hints at Big Frauds. President Fish has threatened, it is

said, that he would retaliate against may be made the subject of inquiry Harriman by making sensational disat the instance of congress. The fight closures concerning the alleged imof the Fish-Harriman interests invol- mense land deals wherehy the Harrives two or three matters that are man system has been benefited to the extent of many millions of dollars.

the Illinois Central under the charter portant phase to which attention has been directed. The Union Pacific and slons in that state, the company con- Southern Pacific long have been the most determined opponents of a Panper annum forever of the gross earn- ama canal. It would be a dangerous ings of its 705 miles of original lines competitor. The fact that freight can be taken from New York to San Francisco in less time by sea (through

> Willing to Pay. In a suit recently tried in a Virginia town a young lawyer of limited experience was addressing the jury on a point of law, when, good-natured ly, he turned to the opposing counsel, a man of much more experience than himself, and asked:

"That's right, I believe, Col. Hop-Whereupon Hopkins, with a smile

of conscious superiority, replied: "Sir, I have an office in Richmond wherein I shall be delighted to enlighten you on any point of law for a consideration."

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McClellan After Murphy.,

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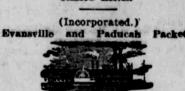
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